

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 9 (as shown in redline format), and cancel claims 5, 13-14 and 18. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.(Amended herein) A pill or capsule delivery device for ejecting a pill or capsule into an animal's mouth while at the same time injecting a quantity of water into the mouth, comprising:

- a dispensing head for releasably holding a pill or capsule; and
- a syringe component including a main barrel for containing a dose of water, a thumb-operable plunger insertable into one end of said main barrel for ~~ejecting~~ urging said water forward, a tube in fluid communication with the other end of said main barrel and upon which said dispensing head is distally mounted, said tube being defined by at least one water release hole proximate said dispensing head, a piston slidably mounted in the tube[, and] for traversing said at least one water release hole to thereby eject said dose of water, said piston including a push-rod engaged by said piston extending toward said dispensing head and movable therewith by water pressure against said piston to protrude into said dispensing head;

whereupon thumb-operation of the plunger, said water urges the piston and push-rod forward such that said push-rod ejects the pill/capsule from the dispensing head into the animal's mouth, and when the piston clears said at least one water release hole in the tube said water is

jetted out of the water release holes into the animal's mouth, thereby compelling the animal to swallow the pill/capsule.

2.(Previously presented) The pill and capsule delivery device according to claim 1 wherein said dispensing head is a split rubber tip attached to the distal end of the tube.

3.(Previously presented) The pill and capsule delivery device according to claim 2 wherein said split rubber tip comprises a pair of resilient rubber jaws which releasably hold said pill or capsule.

4.(Previously presented) The pill and capsule delivery device according to claim 1 wherein said tube comprises a plurality of water release holes radially-spaced about a distal end of the tube proximate said dispensing head.

5.(Herein canceled)

6.(Previously presented) The pill and capsule delivery device according to claim 1 wherein said main barrel is filled with water by removal of the plunger therefrom.

7.(Previously presented) The pill and capsule delivery device according to claim 1 wherein at least one air pressure release hole is formed through said main barrel along its length to allow air to escape from the main barrel before dispensing water.

8.(Previously presented) The pill and capsule delivery device according to claim 1, further comprising a deflector partially enclosing the water release holes to direct the water into the back of the mouth and to prevent splashing.

9.(Previously presented) A pill or capsule delivery device for ejecting a pill or capsule into an animal's mouth while at the same time injecting a quantity of water into the mouth, comprising:

a dispensing head for releasably holding a pill or capsule; and

a syringe component including a main barrel for containing a dose of water, a thumb-operable plunger insertable into one end of said main barrel for ejecting said water, a tube in fluid communication with the other end of said main barrel and defined by at least one water release hole, and a push-rod engaged by said plunger and movable therewith to protrude into said dispensing head;

a syringe component including a main barrel for containing a dose of water, a thumb-operable plunger insertable into one end of said main barrel for ~~ejecting~~ urging said water forward, a tube in fluid communication with the other end of said main barrel and upon which said dispensing head is distally mounted, said tube being defined by at least one water release

hole, ~~and~~ a push-rod engaged at one end by said plunger and carrying a piston along its length,  
said push rod extending toward said dispensing head and movable with said plunger to protrude  
into said dispensing head and eject the pill while said piston traverses said at least one water  
release hole to thereby eject said dose of water;

whereupon thumb-operation of the plunger, said plunger urges the push-rod forward such  
that said push-rod ejects the pill/capsule from the dispensing head into the animal's mouth, and  
water is simultaneously jetted out of the water release holes into the animal's mouth, thereby  
compelling the animal to swallow the pill/capsule.

10.(Previously presented) The pill and capsule delivery device according to claim 9 wherein  
said dispensing head is a split rubber tip attached to the distal end of the tube.

11.(Previously presented) The pill and capsule delivery device according to claim 10 wherein  
said split rubber tip comprises a pair of resilient rubber jaws which releasably hold said pill or  
capsule.

12.(Previously presented) The pill and capsule delivery device according to claim 9 wherein  
said tube comprises a plurality of water release holes radially-spaced about a distal end of the  
tube proximate said dispensing head.

13-14.(Herein canceled)

15.(Previously presented) The pill and capsule delivery device according to claim 9 wherein said main barrel is filled with water by removal of the plunger therefrom.

16.(Previously presented) The pill and capsule delivery device according to claim 9 wherein at least one air pressure release hole is formed through said main barrel along its length to allow air to escape from the main barrel before dispensing water.

17.(Previously presented) The pill and capsule delivery device according to claim 9, further comprising a deflector partially enclosing the water release holes to direct the water into the back of the mouth and to prevent splashing.

18.(Herein canceled)